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### STATE TROOPERS LAUNCH HALLOWEEN CRACKDOWN ON DRUNK DRIVING

~ *Drunk drivers cannot hide behind Halloween costumes* ~

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** - The Florida Highway Patrol is participating in the national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* campaign, which begins today and extends through Oct. 31, 2010. The Patrol joins thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation this week to launch an aggressive crackdown on impaired drivers.

“There is not a Halloween costume clever enough to hide an impaired driver who has made the poor decision to get behind the wheel,” said FHP Director, Colonel John Czernis. “Whether you’ve had one too many or way too many it is just not worth the risk. Remember, *Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving*. Our troopers will be vigilant in their efforts to remove impaired drivers from our roadways.”

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The Patrol recommends these simple tips for a safe Halloween:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver;
- If you are impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home. The cost of a taxi ride or bus fare pales in comparison to the cost of getting caught Driving Under the Influence of drugs or alcohol;
- If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, call \*FHP (\*347) or contact your local law enforcement agency;
- And remember, *Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk*. If you know someone who is impaired and about to drive, take their car keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.

FHP offers safety tips for motorists and for parents and guardians to keep their little ghouls and goblins safe while trick-or-treating on its website at [www.flhsmv.gov/fhp](http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp). The Patrol reminds motorists that Florida's primary safety belt law authorizes law enforcement officers to stop and cite motorists solely for failure to buckle up.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov) or follow [@FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV) on Twitter.

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